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BRATTLEBORO LOCAL.

The annual meeting of Bingham chapter, O. E. S., will be held this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bassett moved Saturday from Elliot street to 25 Harris place.

F. E. Cutler and Lorin E. Clark brought in a string of 16 trout yesterday from Gulf brook.

The Ladies' Enterprise society will hold its regular meeting with Mrs. W. M. Brown, 16 Organ street, Wednesday, April 19, at 3 o'clock.

Luther Sargent, who lives on Western avenue, set two hens, placing 15 eggs under each. Yesterday the hens came off with 29 chicks. They are Rhode Island Reds.

The village commissioners and board of civil authority will meet in the office of H. E. Taylor & Son Saturday evening, April 29, at 7.30 o'clock for the purpose of revising the check list.

The men of Protective Grange will have charge of the program at the meeting tomorrow evening, it being a contest meeting. The women presented the program at the meeting two weeks ago.

Rural carriers No. 3 and 5 will begin tomorrow morning on their regular schedule, leaving the postoffice at 12 o'clock. The past few weeks they have been leaving the office earlier on account of the bad traveling.

The visiting committee of the Centre Congregational church will have a tea in the Centre church house from 4 to 5.30 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Clapp will meet with the committee to consider plans for parish work.

Today the Empire presents The Illegal Bucket Shop, an episode in the Graft series, Bob Leonard in The Boob Detective and Ben Wilson in Borrowed Plumes. Tomorrow Protea, the first in Her Lady Raffles stunts, will be shown.

Troop No. 1 of the Boy Scouts will have a very enjoyable time on the hike to the Dunham cottage Saturday. The Scouts and Wahse Camp Fire girls sugared off through the generosity of Scott P. Eames, assistant patrol leader of troop No. 4.

The combination automobile fire truck responded to a telephone call at 1.35 o'clock this afternoon for a grass fire near the Oak Grove school house which, driven by a high wind threatened the fence and horse sheds on the east end of the fair grounds, as well as several new houses in that vicinity.

The Oak Grove Parent-Teacher association will meet Thursday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock in the Main street building in connection with the Main street and Canal street Parent-Teacher associations. O. H. Benson of Washington, D. C., national organizer of the Boys' and Girls' Industrial clubs will be the speaker.

The funeral of William Patrick Ryan of Guilford was held this morning at 9.30 o'clock in St. Michael's Roman Catholic church, Rev. William Raymond, curate, officiating. The bearers were Thomas J. Heaphy of Montpelier, Richard Heaphy, Thomas Long and John Halloran. The burial took place in the Roman Catholic cemetery.

Seven manuscripts were submitted to the board of trade in competition for the prize of \$5 to be awarded by the board to the author of the best invitation to be issued by the board of trade to Vermonters to return to their home state during this year. A committee will decide in the immediate future on the merits of the manuscripts and the award will be announced then.

A Leap Year party complimentary to members of the Vermont Wheel club will be given in the club rooms Tuesday evening, April 25 from 8.30 to 12. The committee of arrangements consists of Mrs. O. F. Benson, Mrs. A. D. Wyatt, Mrs. J. P. Ferriter, Mrs. J. C. DeWitt, Mrs. W. C. Schorling, Mrs. C. A. Boyden, Miss Elizabeth Hildreth, Mrs. L. H. Miller, Mrs. C. L. Stiekney and Mrs. H. C. Rice.

The Brattleboro Free Library association held its annual meeting last evening and elected these officers: President, Dr. Henry D. Holton; secretary, treasurer, E. C. Chubb; chairman, manager, F. K. Barrows; committee on books, O. L. French, Rev. D. E. Trout, H. E. Eddy; committee on room, Dr. H. D. Holton, F. K. Barrows, Kittredge Haskins; committee on librarian, F. H. Crane, Dr. S. E. Lawton, Rev. J. P. Rand.

Jack Clark, professional at the country club, said this noon that he had arranged six temporary greens for the use of local golfers who wish to begin getting into summer season form. The fairway on the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and ninth holes is now fit for use and will improve rapidly as the season advances. The permanent greens seem to have wintered well and are expected to be in better condition than ever this year.

Today at the Princess theatre Alice in Wonderland will be the attraction. The picture follows closely the text of Lewis Carroll's story and costumes and scenery the delightful drawings of Sir John Tenniel have been faithfully reproduced. Father William does stand on his head and balance an eel on the end of his nose, Alice attends the mad tea party with the Mad Hatter, and the March Hare and the sleepy Dormouse, and the Cheshire Cat with its perpetual smile vanishes slowly until nothing but the smile remains.

The Woman's Exchange held its annual meeting yesterday afternoon in the rest room, Mrs. F. I. Swift, president, presiding. Reports of the officers were received, after which these officers were elected: President, Mrs. F. I. Swift; vice president, Mrs. C. C. Fitts; recording secretary, Mrs. W. A. Gilbert; corresponding secretary, Miss Addie M. Fay; treasurer, Miss Addie M. Fay; directors, Mrs. C. R. Crosby, Mrs. A. J. Currier, Mrs. Henry Tucker, Mrs. C. A. Gray of Hinsdale, Mrs. Cora G. Leonard, Mrs. F. G. Pettie, Mrs. F. L. Smith, Mrs. Frances Bemis, Mrs. S. Wilcox, Mrs. W. P. Jones; auditor, Mrs. J. C. DeWitt.

I will re-open my millinery rooms Wednesday, April 19. Full line of spring and summer millinery. Ladies cordially invited to be present. Nellie B. Pratt, Newfane, Vt.—Adv.

Brazil in 1914 exported \$170,845 worth of scrap metal.

PERSONAL.

Miss Edith Gates, daughter of Gov. Charles W. Gates of Franklin, is a guest of Miss Margaret Nelson, teacher at the Austine Institution.

Major Wallace Batchelder of Bethel, formerly of Brattleboro, was one of nine men admitted to the bar of the supreme court of the United States at Washington Monday. He is the senior member of the law firm of Batchelder, Thompson & Batchelder of Bethel.

STUDY HEALTH INSURANCE.

Senate Passes Bill Authorizing Inquiry by a Commission.

ALBANY, April 18.—The senate yesterday, by 29 to 15, passed the Mills bill creating a commission to investigate health insurance for workmen, and to report proposed legislation to the legislature of 1917.

The measure provides that the commission shall consist of two senators, two assemblymen, and four other members to be appointed by the chairman. It carries an appropriation of \$25,000. Senator Mills will probably be made chairman of the commission.

NEWFANE.

The New York Tribune of April 12 in its interesting editorial on Winged Words brings a reminder of the boyish feat of William H. Newton, who when confined to the house by diphtheria, relieved his pent-up patriotic desire to enlist in the Civil war by working up on perforated cardboard the famous words of Gen. Dix: "He who first that flag would lower, shoot him on the spot."

Mrs. Evelyn Sawyer Severance, who was reared in Newfane and later lived in Brattleboro, Shelburne Falls, Mass., and more recently in Nevada, has been appointed to temporarily fill the position of housemother in a dormitory connected with St. Mary's Home for Children in Chicago, where her son, Rev. E. K. Severance, is located in the parochial work of two Episcopal churches. Mrs. Severance will have the direction of 17 children from eight to 19 years of age. Her sister, Miss Sawyer, formerly principal of the North street school in Brattleboro, will remain at the rectory in Kenton, Ohio, a few weeks.

WESTMINSTER.

Mrs. D. P. Wright has a new victrola.

Rev. A. E. Ward is having his farmhouse altered.

Mrs. O. P. Fullam is visiting a brother in Marlboro, N. H.

Rev. A. E. Ward spoke to the boys at Kurn Hattin Sunday.

Miss Grace Foster of Springfield, Mass., spent the week-end with Miss Nellie Fenn.

Mrs. Jennie O'Brien and child of Chelsea, Mass., are visiting at A. B. Wright's.

Although the evening was stormy, the Grange social was a success. The proceeds amounted to \$8.

Mrs. J. P. Ward arrived Friday from Wilmington, where she spent the winter with her father, who is in feeble health.

Mrs. L. A. Pierce is confined to her room with a muscular trouble which has followed her serious illness with grip.

It has been decided to observe Easter in as befitting a manner as possible, although the program prepared has been greatly interfered with by whooping cough.

Mrs. J. D. Judd has closed her house and gone to Bellows Falls for a few weeks to be near her daughter, who is teaching in the high school. Mr. Judd has not fully recovered from his illness.

The body of John Keach, a former resident of this town, was brought here for burial this week Monday from Bangor. The funeral services were held at the home of Charles Peck on upper Main street.

EAST DOVER.

An Easter program will be given by the Sunday school in the Methodist church Sunday, April 23, at 2 p. m.

District Superintendent Edwin W. Sharp will meet with the members of the Methodist church Tuesday noon, April 25, in the chapel.

Miss Gladys Preston, deaconess from the Boston Home, is holding revival meetings this week at 7.30 p. m. in Brookside schoolhouse; Thurs. day evening in the Methodist chapel at East Dover; Friday evening in Goose City schoolhouse.

Funeral services for Nora Trevarrow, the little child who was fatally burned by playing with fire, were held Saturday in the Methodist chapel, the deaconess, Miss Preston, officiating, assisted by Rev. Mr. Perkins, the Baptist minister. Mr. and Mrs. Turner rendered three beautiful duets. The floral remembrances were many and beautiful.

The May Woman's Home Companion.

In the May Woman's Home Companion the editor asks squarely if the American public wants unclean motion picture films, giving evidence that seems to show that such films are widely preferred. The leading article, entitled Incompatibility, Your Honor, by Justice John J. Freschi, who was recently knighted by King Victor Emanuel III, gives a study of the divorce problem based on Justice Freschi's wide experience as judge of the court of domestic relations in New York city. There are many excellent articles and good short stories. Articles of particular interest are Good and Bad Piano Lessons, by William Armstrong; Would You Want Your Daughter to Marry a Minister? The Bird Garden and The Fifty-Four Shag That Cured My Wife of Tuberculosis.

Among the serials and short stories are The Psychological Moment, by Dorothy Canfield; The Old Man of the Field, by Mary E. Wilkins Freeman; A Bank Where the Wild Thyme Blooms, by Walter Prichard Eaton; The Blue Envelope, by Sophie Kerr; The Rising Tide, by Margaret Deland; Chloe Malone, by Fannie Henshaw Lee; and A Night Call, by William Chester Estabrook.

Excellent material is contained in the regular departments, in the sections on handicraft and for younger readers. The department on cooking is conducted by Cora Farmer Perkins; Better Films, by Helen Duay; The Woman Motorist, by C. H. Claudy; the automobile expert, and Your Son's Career, by a prominent business man.

Fashions are discussed by Grace Margaret Gould. The new picture section is printed by the Alco Gravure process.

JAMAICA.

Floyd Gray has been ill the past week. The Masons held their annual meeting Friday.

Carl Shephardson of Winhall was in town Saturday.

A. B. Stark bought a valuable horse of Win Hosley this week.

Ralph Low came Saturday night to begin his school this week.

Mrs. Etta Sage has sold her gray horses to Bert Barry of Townshend.

John K. Wolcott began the spring term of school in Newfane last week.

W. A. Newell gathered the sap buckets on the Sage sugar place this week.

Mrs. Lila Burgess and two children of Washington, D. C., were in Jamaica Sunday.

Mrs. Lottie Clark worked in the O. J. Pratt store in Brattleboro Friday and Saturday.

Harold Rhodes has finished working at H. J. Sage's where he had been employed the past year.

Mrs. Minnie Vails and daughter of Londonderry visited her mother, Mrs. Amanda Allen, this week.

There will be Easter services, both morning and evening, in the Baptist church next Sunday.

H. L. Amnden and family expect to move to Vernon, where he has employment with A. G. Barnes.

Mrs. Nora Muzzy entertained the members of her Sunday school class and their teachers Sunday afternoon.

Plans are being made to connect the Baptist church with the running water which supplies the parsonage.

Mrs. Olive Upson of Elmhurst, N. Y., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Olive Shumway, during her vacation from her school.

Miss Eva Wolcott, who spent a two-weeks' vacation from her work in Northfield, Mass., returned Monday morning.

The state traveling library which had been at Mrs. Kellogg's the past six months was returned to Montpelier this week.

Mrs. Harry Howe and daughter, Esther, of Brattleboro and Arthur Jensen of West Townshend were in Jamaica Saturday.

Mrs. Morrill of Portland, Me., was in town this week and appointed Mrs. George Gardner local agent for the California Perfume company.

The annual business meeting and thank offering of the missionary auxiliary will be held in the church parlors Friday. A silver tea will be served with Mrs. Kellogg as hostess.

Advertising New England.

(Boston News Bureau.)

Organized local advertising has for more than a decade been a recognized collective function—sometimes a fact. State or sectional promotion, through semi-public and more or less individual championship, has become a close second in some directions. California is the classic example in state terms. The Canadian Northwest and our own Southwest have, largely through scientific railroad collaboration, well typified the broader sectional endeavor. Now comes a recurrent New England aspiration, somewhat focussed by thought of the coming Pilgrim tercentenary.

It is a topic fruitful in mixed emotions. It is a unique mingling of natural opportunities and artificial diversities.

Nature and history have done their part well. Here is a segment of the national map that peculiarly lends itself to individual treatment in a collective way. Geographically it is phenomenally favored as a Mecca of many sorts. It is a relatively little, set apart, jutting area, of pronounced individuality. There is no confusion, no vague blending, and geographically it possesses a wonderful asset in the sea.

Perhaps, in the long catalogue being arranged and promulgated by the effort, this stands first. The past and the probable present and future of New England all smack variously of the sea. History, naval and mercantile, wraps it with charm. There is its perennial summer appeal to the great interior, that Pacific or more southern strands cannot ever rival. There is its "grand circle" nearness to so much of the foreign world that is ever engaging so much of the business thought of the country.

There is its multiple natural dower of beauty, in an infinitude of scenic variety that no age can stale or custom wither. Only the vivacity of its climate can vie with the variegation of that scattered, intimate charm—marine or mountain.

Here is the country's educational, aesthetic, intellectual treasure-house, still opulently productive, despite the golden metropolitan lure. Here is the mellow antiquity of storied great men and deeds, that no other section can show. Here is the mother of both capital and men, making the universal appeal of common ancestry. And here is still the stronghold of beehive industry, not dealing in great raw staples, but cleverest with loom and lathe, in the finer, further products.

And here, too, are certain rare potentialities for the right kind of agricultural technique, as measured in terms of land cheapness and marketability of specialized produce.

Not Quite a Son.

(St. Albans Messenger.)

A Montpelier political story sent to a leading morning paper and dealing with the probable candidates for the office of auditor of accounts, makes the somewhat startling announcement that Benjamin Gates, who has announced his candidacy, is a son of Governor Gates. The relations between the governor and his secretary are very close, but not quite as close as that.

Nothing to It.

(Barre Times.)

It is officially denied that an attempt is to be made to divert the Connecticut river into the Deerfield river, beginning the project at Brattleboro. The people of New Hampshire will not doubt hear the denial with a feeling of relief that Vermont does not propose to end the Connecticut river boundary dispute in that summary manner.

Dewberry and Batley, Eng., are the recognized centers of the woolen rag trade of the world.

RANGERS TO CARRY PHONES.

Will Be Part of Regular Equipment the Coming Season.

A portable telephone, made of aluminum and weighing two-and-a-half pounds, the invention of a forest officer, R. B. Adams of Missoula, Montana, will be part of the regular equipment of patrolmen on the national forests the coming season. This instrument is regarded as a great improvement over the set formerly used, which weighed ten pounds.

It is said that a field man equipped with this telephone, a few yards of light emergency wire, and a short piece of heavy wire to make the ground connection can cut in anywhere along the more than 20,000 miles of forest service telephone lines and get in touch with the headquarters of a supervisor or district ranger. To talk, one end of the emergency wire is thrown over the telephone line, the two ends are connected to the portable instrument, and the instrument is connected to the ground wire, the end of which must be thrown into the damp earth or in water. Contact with the line wire is made possible by removal of the insulation from a few inches of the emergency wire.

The Adams instrument does not ring the bell of the receiving telephone, but instead causes a screeching sound from a small megaphone-shaped apparatus descriptively known as a "howler." This instrument is installed at the ranger station telephone and is said to give effective notice that some one is on the wire. If the field man needs to talk with some one elsewhere on the line, the ranger station instrument can be used to ring up the person wanted, when the conversation can be carried on.

Forest officers say that these portable phones are especially valuable in reporting fires and other emergencies with the least possible delay, and also in sending instruction to field men and keeping the district rangers informed as to the progress of work going on in the field, thus supplementing the regular telephone sets installed at lookout points, ranger stations, and at convenient intervals along forest service roads and trails.

MOTORS FOR FIRE FIGHTS.

Horse Drawn Equipment Fast Going into Discard.

Horse-drawn fire department is fast going into the discard, according to the third annual census of fire apparatus and hose equipment in the United States and Canada as taken by the Fireman's Herald, of New York. This year's enumeration includes the cities of 7,000 population and over. Of these cities the fire chiefs of 670 have responded to requests for information.

The rapid elimination of the horse-drawn apparatus from the service is strikingly shown by a comparison between this year's census and that of 1914. In that year 315 cities were represented with 7,059 fire vehicles pulled by horses. This year more than twice that number of departments, including the original 315, are entered, and yet the number of horse-drawn vehicles is less by more than 1,000.

The tabulation for this year shows that in these 670 cities there are 9,295 pieces of apparatus of all sorts in service and reserve. The total for horse-drawn equipment is 5,869, while there are 3,426 automobiles. A heavy decline is admitted, but flies and other drawn vehicles to provide for the large number that are nominally held in reserve, but are in reality carried on fire department books because it is not easy to find purchasers at fair prices.

Of the horse-drawn pieces steam fire engines continue to be far ahead of all others, numbering 1,758, which total includes a considerable number that will in all likelihood never again start a fire. Combination wagons and hose carriers number 2,163; aerial and service trucks and water towers total 945, and there are 1,003 other horse-drawn pieces of all classes.

As has been the case with the previous tabulations, the combination chemical and hose car again leads the motor apparatus with a total of 1,012. What appeared to be hesitation in adopting the triple combination pump, chemical engine and hose car seems to have disappeared, as there are 385 of these registered, as against 290 straight automobile pumping engines. Ladder trucks and water towers number 213; tractorized pieces 573 and all other fire automobiles, most of them chief's cars, total 853.

The fate that has befallen horse-drawn apparatus in the fire service is again shown by this year's census of possible purchases. Of the automobiles 808 are listed, while of the horse-drawn the total stands at seven.

Of the addition to be made this year, chemical and hose cars are again to the fore, with 243. Pumping engines number 87, triple combinations 78, hose cars 31, chemical 14, aerial and service trucks and water towers 112, tractors 140, other automobiles 105.

Giving City Baby Air and Sunshine.

In order to provide a means whereby babies confined in city apartment buildings and tenement houses may get plenty of sunshine and fresh air, a crib has been designed that may be suspended from a window. The device, which is described in the May number of Popular Mechanics magazine, is a

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Coats for Rainy Day Wear

During the next few weeks the weather man will probably say with unpleasant regularity:

"Weather tomorrow: Rain."

Rubberized coats, a necessary part of every wardrobe, are shown in tweeds, poplin, silk, single texture bombazines; imperial cloth and English mixtures.



Kenyon English Tweed Coats, in browns and grays, warranted shower proof; have convertible collars and belted backs. \$9.98, \$12.98 and \$14.75

Silk Finish Raincoats, Changeable Brilliantine Raincoats, Fine Wool Canton Raincoats, Black and White Check Raincoats, mostly with belts, at the moderate prices of \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8.98

Canton Cloth Rubberized Raincoats, in medium weight, in tan and gray mixtures, belted back. Special \$5.98

Rubberized Raincoats, in tweed effects, belted back, browns and grays, at \$5.98

Double Texture, Heavy Weight, Slip-On Raincoats, in tan, at \$4.98

Special—Rubberized Tan Slip-On Raincoats. Special at \$2.48

Children's Tan Raincoats, for ages 8 to 16 years. Price including a hat to match, Only \$2.98

Girls' Rain Capes at only \$1.98

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box-shaped housing made of metal. It will sustain a load of fully 500 pounds when anchored in place, so a child within it is safe and needs no more attention than in a nursery cradle. The crib is heavily screened on three sides and tightly roofed. Air and sunshine are admitted, but flies and other insects are kept out. A neat steel carriage with a wire body is built as a part of the outfit, and is arranged so that it may be collapsed and slipped into the little house.

Seventy-six out of 87 cases of typhoid fever which occurred in a recent outbreak have been traced by the United States public health service